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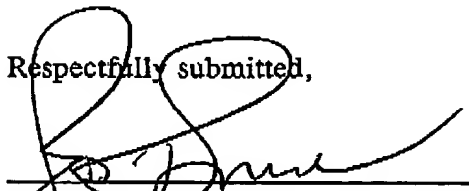
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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005 for two months from June 27, 2005 to August 27, 2005. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

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